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SUBJECT : FRENCH PRESS ON EUROPEAN SPACE CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS FROM AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE (AFP) DATELINED BRUSSELS
1 AUGUST.

2. MR. CHARBONNEL, FRENCH MINISTER FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT, ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY EVENING THAT A COMPLETE ACCORD
HAD BEEN REALIZED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF THE TWELVE MEMBER COUNTRIES
TO THE EUROPEAN SPACE CONFERENCE WHICH WAS MEETING IN BRUSSELS.
THIS ACCORD BEARS ON THE FINANCING OF THE THREE PROJECTS WHICH
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WERE ON THE TABLE : THE L3S PROPOSED BY FRANCE, THE SORTIE MODULE

(SPACELAB) PROPOSED BY GERMANY AND MEANT TO BE EMBARKED ON THE AMERICAN SHUTTLES AND FINALLY ON THE MARITIME SATELLITE MAROTS PROPOSED BY UK.

3. THE ACCORD WAS FINALLY REALIZED FOLLOWING VERY DIFFICULT FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WHICH TOOK SEVERAL HOURS.

4. MR. HCARBONNEL SPECIFIED THAT THE ACCORD FINALLY CONCLUDED ON TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE EUROPEAN SAPCE CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS, WAS "UNEXPECTED", BUT, HE WENT ON, " I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH AN ACCORD ON TECHNOLOGICAL REALIZATIONS OF THIS CLASS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN EUROPEANS. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT IN PROVING THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY.

"THE FACT THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE L3S, THE SORTIE LAB, AND THE MAROTS SATELLITE PROVES THAT EUROPE INTENDS ALTOGETHER TO DEFEND ITS INDEPENDENCE ON LAUNCHERS, TO GO ON WITH ITS COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND TO CONTINUE IN THE NEW LINES OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND OPERATIONAL RESEARCH."

5. MR. CHARBONNEL ALSO SAID THAT AN ACCORD CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY WAS BEING WORKED OUT.

6. THE FRENCH MINISTER SPECIFIED THAT VARIOUS DELEGATIONS HAD CONSENTED EXTENSIONS TO THE THREE PROJECTS WHICH ARE NOW ASSURED, AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE, OF BEING FINANCED 100 PERCENT.

7. THE SORTIE LAB PROJECT IS STILL AWAITING THE FINAL REPLY OF THREE COUNTRIES : ITALY, NORWAY AND SWEDEN WHICH WERE NOT ON TUESDAY IN A POSITION TO ACCOUNCE OFFICIALLY THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTICIPATIONS. IN ORDER TO COME TO AGREEMENT, IT HAS BEEN, NEVERTHELESS, CONSIDERED THAT THESE THREE COUNTRIES WOULD COVER 20 PERCENT OF THE FINANCING.

8. THE ESRO COUNCIL WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN WITH NASA THE AGREEMENT AWAITED FOR 15 AUGUST . BUT, IF THE THREE ABOVE COUNTRIES COULD NOT COME UP WITH THIS SUM, IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT A NEW CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER TO REVIEW AT THAT TIME THE WHOLE FINANCING OF THE THREE PROJECTS.IRWIN

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